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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Withdrawal from Grenada

I am concerned that we accomplish the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Grenada as soon as practicable consistent with the establishment by local and third country personnel of an acceptable security environment. Toward that end, I would appreciate receiving your recommendations on an appropriate timetable.

In your planning you should provide for the withdrawal of all combat personnel. At the same time, however, we could agree if asked to provide military police forces on the island temporarily to assist local authorities in maintaining order until they are prepared to assume the total responsibility. Here again, however, I would hope that third country training and personnel could relieve us of this responsibility in the shortest possible time.

It would be helpful if your recommendations could reach me before my return on Monday.

Based upon your recommendations, I would also hope to make public our expectations as soon as possible after coordination with Grenadian and other island leaders.

Richard Reagan

cc: The Vice President
The Secretary of State
Director, Central Intelligence
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Assistant to the President
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